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Midhat Frasheri, leader of the Balli Kombetar, is reported to have rewritten the constitution of that Albanian political group in 1945. The following is a copy of the constitution in its original draft:

"A. THE CONSTITUTION OF THE BALLI KOMBETAR:

1. Balli Kombetar is an Albanian democratic party cemented with the blood of thousands of National Martyrs, and based on the unshaken confidence of the soldiers of Liberty and of all Albanians of good will.

2. Balli Kombetar includes all classes of the people, and shall be organized according to the desires of the people. The important parts of this organized body are the central units which form the nucleus of Balli Kombetar, the mental, spiritual, working, and educating elite.

3. The central organs of Balli Kombetar are:

- a. The Congress
- b. The Central Council
- c. The Central Bureau

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4. The regional organs of Balli Kombetar are:

- a. The Regional Congress
- b. The Regional Council
- c. The Regional Bureau
- d. The Councils of the Subprefectures and of the Communes
- e. The Responsibles

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5. The election procedure, duties and activities of these organs shall be put forth in separate rules and regulations.

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6. Balli Kombetar has members and friends. All friends (Albanians) of good moral and political record may be accepted as members; provided, they have completed their eighteenth year and accept the principles, by taking an oath on the Flag that they shall serve the Fatherland with fortitude and with discipline and abnegation. No member of Balli Kombetar is permitted to belong to groups which do not form part of the organization. This constitution is a temporary one, valid only until the meeting of the Congress. The Congress shall meet upon the return of the Party to Albania."

"B. THE POLITICAL PRINCIPLES OF BALLI KOMBETAR:

1. Balli Kombetar desires to contribute to the safety, order, freedom, welfare, and progress of Albania and of the Albanian society, by being organized democratically and by taking part in the government of the country based on the people's choice in free elections.
2. Balli Kombetar desires to cooperate with all national parties and groups, which respect the freedom of the Fatherland, and Albanians who sincerely strive, though in different ways, for the safety, well-being, development, and harmony of the Albanian people. Balli Kombetar opposes with all its force parties, trends, or individuals that are detrimental to the national interests or that resort to force, violence, or corruption as a means to attain power.
3. Balli Kombetar desires that the temporary ruling power in Albania shall be invested in the High Council (Keshilli i Nalte), which will allow the people the necessary time to prepare definitely the most suitable form of government. Balli Kombetar desires that the elections take place one year after the Party returns to Albania. They should be free elections, universal, direct, and secret. A Constituent Assembly shall decide on the definite form of the Constitution.
4. Balli Kombetar desires that in the administration of the country the heads of the communities, the mayors and the various administrative and economic councils be freely elected by the people so that the people may become interested in the affairs of the State.
5. Balli Kombetar desires that special care be taken of the Albanians who emigrate abroad, and that protection be afforded them.

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6. Balli Kombetar is in favor of friendship, cooperation, and very close relations with the Anglo-Americans, who it considers the guarantors of liberty and the protectors of the rights of Albania and of true Democracy.
7. Balli Kombetar desires, concerning relations with neighboring states, that there be friendship and sincere collaboration, as well as mutual understanding in the political and economic spheres. In addition, it desires that the sacrifices made by Albania so far be taken into consideration.
8. Balli Kombetar desires that with other states Albania have good diplomatic, economic, and cultural relations.
9. Balli Kombetar desires that no foreign power have influence to the detriment of our national interests.
10. Balli Kombetar desires that Albania be represented in all international conferences which assign responsibilities and privileges to nations, as well as at any conference where Albanian national interests are involved.
11. Balli Kombetar is in favor of Albania's partaking in any international organization, which shall ensure peace, freedom, integrity, and national dignity, and shall bind the nations in brotherly cooperation, economic and social."

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